(c) what action Government have taken to stop unprovoked ronket firing by Pakistani troops on Indian side?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The question does not arise in view of answer to part (a) above.

(c) Government keeps a constant watch on all developments which have a bearing on our national security and takes appropriate measures from time to time to ensure full defence preparedness.

Revival of National Security Council

5899. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal for the revival of National Security Council to assess India's long term defence requirements;

(b) whether revival of the Council is being opposed by the bureaucrats; and

(c) what is the decision of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) The question of restructuring the National Seculrity Council 'is unler consideration of the Government.

Suggestions on restucturing of Indian Army

5900. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether several defence experts have suggested restructuring of the Indian Army which is considered top-heavy and equipped with tA)solete weaponry; and

(b) what is the reaction of Gov-ernment to the suggestions made by these experts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Three major reviews to optimise the orga-nisational structure of the Army and make it more cost effective have been carried out by the following com-mitiees: —

(a) Expert Committee under a Corps Commander (1989-90)

(ii) Special Committee on Combat Echelons headed by the present COAS when he was commanding the Southern Army Command (July 1991) .

(iii) Special Committee on Logistic Echelons by an Army Commander (October 1991) .

(b) The recommendations of these committees are at various stages of implementation.

Terminal benefits to disable pensioners

5901. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been cases where .normal and disabled pensioners, both belonging to combatant and non-combatant employees of the defence and other civil Ministries have been running wild goose chase to get their terminal disabled benefits for years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the number of such cases that have come to light in the last 12 months; and —

(c) the steps taken to check such delay in settling pension claims and how is it proposed to be ensured that such cases do not take place henceforth? i